Notices *to* drug Companies

1411. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' on the 29th July, 1990 captioned "Centre may issue notice to Drug Industry soon" ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that h's Ministry is issuing further notices to Drug Industry for the dues between 1983 to 1987 ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Industry has made hue and cry over notices issued regarding arrears ;

(e) whether it is a fact that companies involved gave an undertaking to deposit the overcharged amount ;

(f) if so, whether it is also a fact that companies have made provisions for meeting the liabilities ; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons for non-remittance of amounts overcharged by drug companies as per the directives of Courts and what steps have been taken to recover the amount in full ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The liabilities tentatively assessed upto December 1983 are being reviewed and finalised first. The liabilities after December, 1983 would be reviewed and finalised in the second phase.

(d) Certain representations on this issue have been received.

(e) Companies involved in the Supreme Court case gave a undertakings to the High Court to pay the difference between the prices allowed by virtue of the stay and the prices that would have prevailed had the stay not been granted.

(f) Yes, Sir. Some companies provisions for their liabilities in their Annual Accounts.

(g) The prices of finalising the liabilities and recovery in accordance with the due procedure of Law, is already in progress.

Overcharged amounts on Combiflamc

1412. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 2 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that legal action has not been taken against the manufacturer of Combi-flamd either by the Drugs Control Directorate of West Bengal or by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for withholding the action so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company has not so far furnished the complete details asked for;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to launch proceedings against the manufacturer;

(e) whether his Ministry have calculated the amount overcharged by the company; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that

M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals have not furnished the complete details asked for by the Government to calculate the amount of unintended benefit. The Government has already decided to give them a final hearing before launching prosecution against them.

Capacity utilisation by IDPL and HAL

1413. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items in the production range of IDPL and HAL where the capacity utilisation is less than 10 per cent or which are not being produced at all;

(b) what was the production of such items during the last three years, year-wise and what is the capital invested in each;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL has no plan to produce these items;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to dispose of the assets; and

(e) what are the names of drugs for which money was given by his ministry to IDPL during 1987-88 and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMANBEHERA): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

ए० आई० डी० एस० (एड्स) के इलाज की सुविधायें

1414. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :
श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में नगर-वार एड्स ग्रस्त रोगियों की कुल संख्या कितनी हैं और उनके इलाज के लिए क्या व्यवस्था उपलब्ध है ;

(ख) ऐसे अस्पतालों के नामों सहित संख्या कितनी है, जिनमें एड्स वार्ड खोले जाने का विचार है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि मंजूर की गई है ;

(ग) क्या एड्स ग्रस्त रोगियों के इलाज के लिए कुछ डाक्टरों को कोई विशेष प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) देश में इस रोग को न फैलने देने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रशीद मसूद)) : (क) और (ख) विभिन्न शहरों में (30-6-1990 तक) सूचित किये गए एड्स रोगियों (पूर्णरूप से विकसित रोगी) की संख्या नीचे दी गई है :—

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